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Attached for filing is the patent application of:
Inventor: LITHGOW et al.
Entitled: FOREHEAD SUPPORT FOR FACIAL MASK
and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
- ☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:
  Deleted persons:
- 21 pages of specification and claims (including 42 numbered claims), and
- 9 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
- ☒ Record the attached assignments (3) to ResMed (R&D) and ResMed Limited, both of North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia and return to the undersigned.
- ☒ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
- ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	**Country**	**Day/Month/Year Filed**

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior appln. no. _____ filed _____
- ☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/227,472, filed August 24, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- ☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/935,778, filed August 24, 2001, allowed, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- ☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
- ☒ The prior application is assigned to ResMed Limited, North Ryde, New South Wales, Australia.
- ☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.
- ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
- ☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

- ☐ Also attached: ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement**; ☐ **Non-Publication Request**; ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**; ☐ **Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application**; ☐ **Other:**

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140.**
A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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